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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AND
EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT (01.00)

REF: 76 STATE 273748, 76 STATE 273749, 76 MOSCOW 18076

1. AT AYKAZYAN'S REQUEST, SCIENCE COUNSELOR MET WITH HIM
JANUARY 13 FOR REVIEW OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION AND MODI-
FICATION
OF THE S&T AGREEMENT. AYKAZYAN UNDERLINED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE
VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE A RENEWAL OF THE S&T AGREEMENT AND INQUIRED
WHETHER THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATION WOULD CAUSE ANY
PROBLEM FOR THE US SIDE IN RENEWING THE AGREEMENT, HE SAID THAT THE
SOVIET SIDE STILL FAVORS MODIFICATION, WHICH HE CLAIMS CORRESPONDS
IN PRACTICE TO THE SCST COORDINATIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL
BILATERALS AS FAR AS THE SOVIET SIDE IS CONCERNED. HOWEVER HE
INDICATED THE SOVIETS WOULD BE WILLING TO DROP THE MODIFICATION
PROPOSAL IF THE U.S. CONSIDERS IT INOPPORTUNE.

2. AYKAZYAN STATED THE SOVIET MODIFICATION PROPOSAL HAS BEEN
REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY MFA LAWYERS WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE
TEXT TRANSMITTED STATE 273748.

-- ARTICLE 6 DELETE "EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3 OF ARTIELC 7."

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AYKAZYAN INDICATED THE SOVIET LAWYERS BELIEVE THIS PHRASE IS UN-
NECESSARY SINCE SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE 7 DOES NOT IN ANY WAY
PREJUDICE OTHER S&T AGREEMENTS.

-- DELETE SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE 7 AND SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING IN ITS
PLACE: "THE EXECUTIVE AGENT SHALL BE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND FOR THE

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY." AYKAZYAN NOTED HERE THAT THE EXECUTIVE AGENT DESIGNATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED FROM THE OST AS INDICATED IN THE MAY 24, 1972, AGREEMENT, TO THE OSTP TO CONFORM WITH CURRENT U.S. ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATIONS.

3. SCICOUNS REITERATED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HAVE A U.S. POSITION READY RE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE S&T AGREEMENT BY THE NEXT JOINT COMMISSION SESSION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE CHANGE-OVER IN ADMINISTRATION. AYKAZYAN STATED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE UNDERSTANDS THIS WELL, AND THAT THE SOVIETS CONSIDER THAT THE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL IS IN NO WAY LINKED TO THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT. RENEWAL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT CHANGE AND MODIFICATION AGREED TO SUBSEQUENTLY UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE AGREEMENT, POSSIBLY THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

4. AYKAZYAN STATED HE HAD TELEXED KIRILLIN WHO IS AT PRESENT IN PARIS RE POSTPONEMENT OF THE S&T COMMISSION MEETING BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE AS YET. HE HOPED THE U.S. SIDE CAN PROPOSE DATES FOR RESCHEDULING OF MEETING QUICKLY. AYKAZYAN SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH KIRILLIN ON THE LATTER'S RETURN TO MOSCOW JANUARY 17 AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONVEY QUICKLY TO THE EMBASSY A GENERAL IDEA OF WHEN KIRILLIN MAY AGAIN BE AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMISSION MEETING WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE THAT WE MAY CONVEY TO THE SCST CONCERNING THE ADVISABILITY OF THEIR PROPOSING MODIFICATION OF THE S&T AGREEMENT AT THE NEXT JOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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